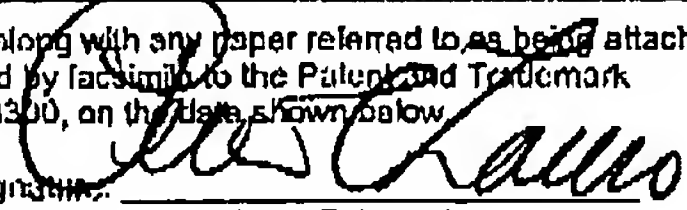


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REMARKS

Claims 1-10, 28-30, 50, 55-58, 60, 62, 64-67, and 69 are pending in the instant application, and are subject to restriction. The Office Action, on page 2, requires restriction to one of the following groups under 35 U.S.C. §121:

Group I, claims 1-10, 28, 30, 55-58, 60, 62, 66, 67, and 69, drawn to a porous material, classified in class 210, subclass 198.2.

Group II, claims 29 and 50, drawn to a polymer, classified in class 210, subclass 502.1.